# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1634
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CUT IN POWER SUPPLY
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board has failed in making timely payment to NTPC;

(b) if so, whether the NTPC can effect a cut in power supply to M.P. Electricity Board; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

(a) : Yes, Sir. The outstanding payments by Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPSEB) for energy supplied by NTPC, as o
30.6.2001 works out to Rs.1742.87 crores. MPSEB has been defaulting in payments to NTPC, as indicated below :

( Rs. In Crores)

| Year | Billing | Payments | Shortfall |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1997-98 | 1352.64 | 1302.82 | 49.82 |
| 1998-99 | 1666.10 | 1505.97 | 160.13 |
| 1999-2000 | 1980.80 | 1690.57 | 290.23 |
| 2000-2001 | 2143.26 | 1559.63 | 583.63 |
| April 2001 | 192.65 | 100.00 | 92.65 |
| May 2001 | 194.02 | 100.00 | 94.02 |
| June 2001 | 189.35 | 100.00 | 89.35 |

(b) & (c) : In case, MPSEB, fails to make payments, NTPC can effect a cut in its power supply based on the provisions of Bulk Power Supply Agreement entered between NTPC & MPSEB as well as the Power Purchase Agreements signed on 8.11.1998 by MPSEB with NTPC.Following notice for Regulation of Power supply by NTPC, MPSEB has increased its Letter of Credit for purchase of power from Rs.100 crore per month to Rs.120 crores per month and indicated its willingness to settle outstanding dues.